

DEER PERMIT AREA 265 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Two-deer limit

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 14 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 17 - 20

Early Antlerless: N/A

Firearm A: Nov. 9 - 17

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15

Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	10
Grassland and Wetlands	14
Annual Row Crops	71
Open Water	1
Developed	4

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

494 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	12
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	2
County Managed Land	1
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	3
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	18

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 265 includes portions of southern Polk and central Norman counties. This DPA contains a good mix of habitats including hardwoods, prairie, swamps, and agricultural land; the best deer habitat remains along riparian corridors. Five years of three-deer limits and back-to-back hard winters has this population slightly below goal. Buck and antlerless harvest declined again in 2023, 8% and 21% respectively. The overall deer population is stable but below goal; the nonexistent winter we just experienced along with keeping antlerless harvest levels lower should allow deer numbers to increase. New this year - this DPA is no longer in a CWD Surveillance Area. A Two-deer limit will be in place again in 2024.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Norman and Polk Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

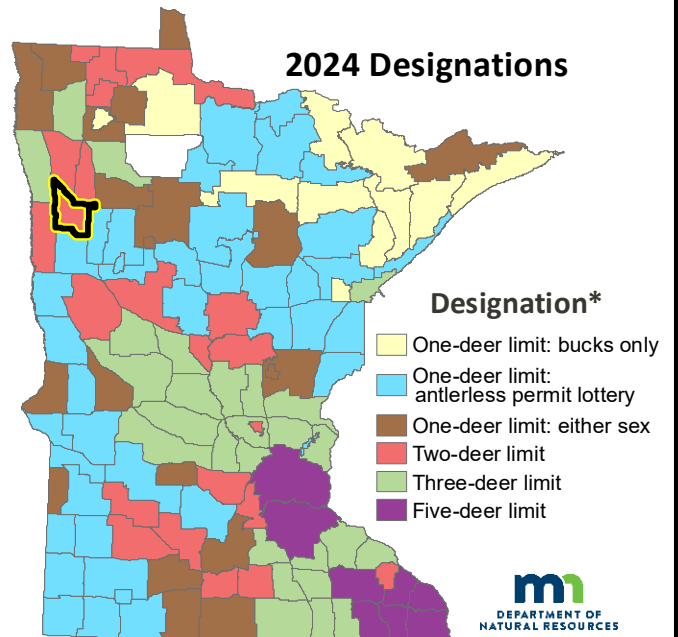
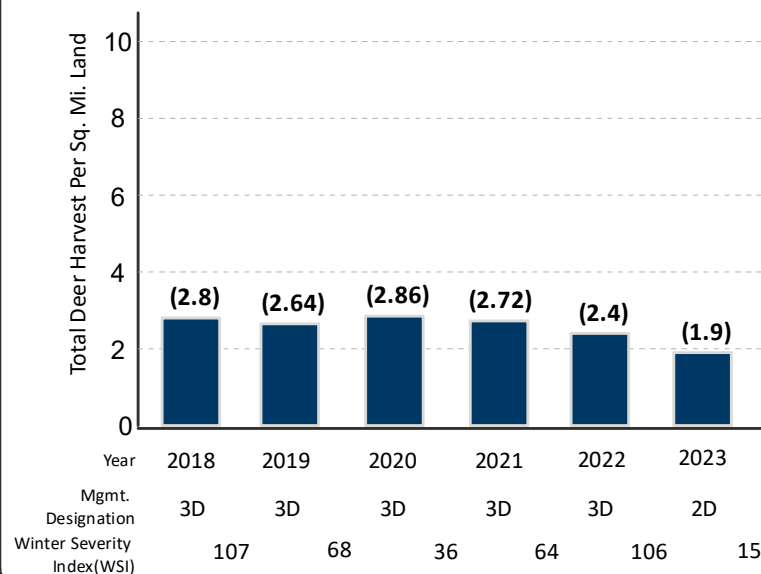
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	4
Hunter Success:	38%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	420	52	255	58	785
Archery	29	3	39	2	73
Muzzleloader	30	5	34	3	72
Total Harvest	479	60	328	63	930

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2018 - 2023/24



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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